





HAMMER & MOSSER,  
PUBLISHERS.DECATUR, ILLINOIS:  
Saturday Evening, Feb. 26.

## WHY DON'T IT?

Yes, why does the Decatur Times still refuse to place the Independent ticket at its mast-head? We have already called the attention of the experienced journalists who "run" that paper to their remissness in this regard, and have instructed them as well as we could in their duties as conductors of a political newspaper, but all to no purpose; they still persist in hiding their light under a bushel. And now we have another power demanding to know why a great reform newspaper thus persistently neglects to hang its banner on the outer wall. The Decatur Literary Society, at its meeting last night discussed the question, whether the signs of the times indicate the downfall of this Republic, and one of the speakers on the affirmative, in his efforts to prove that the signs evidently do indicate such downfall, referred to the unwillingness of our esteemed contemporary in the matter of showing its colors. Can Farmer Jack longer hesitate to set himself and his paper right before the eyes of an expectant world? Will he still be unpatriotic enough to keep silent, when that silence indicates to the world that the country is on the broad road to eternal destruction?

Come, Farmer, speak out, and show mankind that there is still salt enough in our body politic to save it from the demitition bow-wow.

## FROM ARGENTIA.

THE REPUBLICAN.—In the Decatur Times of last week, appeared a communication from this place over the signature of "U. C. I. Know," which deserves a little attention if its writer does not. The writer should seek some other name, for instead of knowing anything, everybody who knows him knows him to be a perfect Know Nothing, and he is entirely mistaken if he thinks that his visits among the respectable people whom he names is of any interest to the public who take him for what he really is—a wooden-headed humbug. As to his remarks concerning two of our best known citizens, Messrs. Hanks and Clifton, it need only be said that they will suffer nothing on account of what he says. They have nothing to regret regarding their course during the late election, and no doubt Mr. Park will accord to them the right to vote as they please. It is exceedingly unfortunate for Mr. Park that his friends should be so indiscreet in their remarks, for while he would not stoop to abuse of this kind himself, he suffers by the foolishness of his backers, and ought to make them "dry up." Messrs. Hanks and Clifton are old residents, and have never been hard up for neighbors—at least not so hard up as to be willing to run after the Times correspondent, whose high-est ambition would be gratified if he could be set up as a figure-head for somebody's own ends.

## FRIENDS CREEK.

Mr. Patrick Donnan, the fiery Democrat who used to edit a fearful and wonderful war newspaper in Missouri, is now editor of the Raleigh Sentinel, where he unfolds himself under the motto: "Democratic always and under all circumstances." This style remains unchanged. In a recent article complaining of the inactivity of Congress he takes occasion to say: "A rush of billage and folio-ral. Old womanish eminations and reiterations. A lubberlike parade of justin patriotism, which talks, talks eternally, and does nothing. A clipping off of a few nickels from the salaries of poor devil clerks and working women. A sticking up of presidential puppets and pappies. Humbug, gab, old-sore opening, telly, fat-Gilture and nothing more. Democratic Congressmen! Do you know that your constituents are beginning to reproach themselves with having murdered in your election? Stop gabbling and go to work. Do something worthy of the party that elected you, or own yourselves failures and frauds, adjuin and go home."

In the following paragraph the Woonsocket (R. I.) Patriot humorously describes some of the phases of Rhode Island politics: "Our State is so small that it is difficult to turn any one out of office without his legs sticking over in Massachusetts or Connecticut; hence the reason why we give a life estate to our Congressmen. Then, again, when we elect a Governor for one year, it is generally understood that he is entitled to a re-nomination on the ground that the Governorship belongs to a wealthy and wise class, and there is not enough of them to admit of an annual rotation in office."

Shyster Brothers, Staple and Fancy Goods, 40 North Water street. [21-26]

## THE GREENBACKERS.

Quincy Whig.

Time enough has elapsed since the Decatur convention to disclose something of the manner in which its work has been received. There is this much to be said, at least, that it has not shaken the State from its centre to its circumference. In the first place it did not explode the populace with enthusiasm because the names put up are not such as to lead to any great hopes in the results of their campaign. It was understood that if the Independents nominated a ticket that did not push the Democrats entirely into the background, and at the same time adopted a platform on which the Democrats could have reasonable prospect of uniting, they would mount the craft in hopes of making a safe political voyage in the Fall election. Neither of these things however did the Independents do and the Democracy has scarcely opened its mouth about the matter since.

The folly of coming before the public with such a platform as that formed at Decatur ought by this time to be sufficiently apparent. As to their cry for the repeal of the resumption act, no one would object to that if they had only proposed some better plan of arriving at specie payments; but what the public wants, and what it will have, is resumption by some means in due time. But there are too many people still outside the insane asylums to allow any party to mount into power on a proposition to resume specie payments by the further inflation of the currency. If there is any possible basis on which the fabric of this platform can rest, it is the mere supposition that there is a present lack of currency and that a few printing presses ought to be put in motion to make more. But the banks everywhere assure us that there is no lack of currency and that the greatest difficulty they experience is in keeping their money out. Still if there were a lack, a financier would propose something harder than paper to supply the deficiency.

In another particular also, the platform is grossly deficient. It makes an attempt to demand the "abrogation of all laws that do not bear equally on capital and labor." Any political body could say this where any laws exist, but the Independents expect it to be taken for a decided avowal of their principles on the tariff question. If they expect to attract and receive the vote of the farmers, for which they are here bidding, they ought to have had vigor enough to say something positive on this point, but as the matter is left, it is a poor, cowardly evasion of the whole question. Taken all in all, the platform is nothing and the ticket is little more. It is not what even the Democrats consider a safe thing to endorse, which is equivalent to saying it is bad enough.

The success of the Republicans in the recent elections of members of the French Parliament is a little astonishing, in view of the long maintained resistance to their policy in the Assembly. They have alone a decided majority over all other parties, deducting the "Conservative Republicans." They count 198 to 151 of all others, with this exception, or 198 to 226 of all excepting none. The Conservative Republicans, or Thiers men, will probably not with them on most measures, and such an union will make the Republican element wholly master of the country. The best feature of the returns, however, is the great reduction in the Legitimist or Bourbon strength, and the Radical or Communist faction. The former falls to 26 members, the latter 17. The Imperialists have 64, which, as well as we can remember, is about the proportionate strength they held in the last Assembly. There are still 106 districts with incomplete elections to fill, and these may change the present proportions a little, but hardly enough to direct their relations to each other materially. The Republican proportion leads one to hope for a speedy alleviation of the law which gags the press and restrains free public discussion, and for some wholesome changes in the relation of the State to the church and to popular education. The dominant party is no favorite of the clergy, and its success, the dispatches say, is received with gloomy faces and bitter words by the Ultramontane and Reactionists, who are to-day the most mischievous influence left on earth by the progress of human enlightenment. Every triumph of popular rights and popular intelligence is a blow that shakes and weakens the power of papacy, and nobody is so keenly conscious of it as those who make the papacy the implement of their intolerant and unscrupulous bigotry. The omens are auspicious for an overturn of the influence so long wielded for evil by those who rule the feeble but well meaning old man of the Vatican.

The following advertisement from a South African newspaper is a curiousity in its way: "C. H. Howard. Lost a tame ostrich. Said ostrich was missing yesterday, directly after having devoured certain pieces of machinery, which one of the ladies of the advertiser's household had apart and was cleaning on the front verandah at the time. He is supposed to have wandered off in a fit of melancholy directly after committing the deed. The above reward will be paid for the return of the pieces, as they are invaluable on account of the long time required to replace them from the manufacturing in the United States. The pret-wanted are a face plate, needle bar, and shuttle of a Domestic Sewing machine. I am not particular about the ostrich."

"JOHN BURROUGHS."

## FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. A. Stare, formerly of this city, now of Dallas, Texas, and give our readers its contents so far as they relate to matters of interest to people who contemplate emigration to that State. As to climate, Mr. S. says that the weather there is about like what we get in May here, and has been about like that all winter. There has not been a week of muddy roads since his arrival there last October.

Peach and plum trees are now in full bloom, and flowers have been in bloom all winter in the open air. They have lettuce and radishes from their gardens every day, and have had all winter. Week before last the mercury stood 84 and 85 degs. above zero, and it seldom goes higher than that in the summer. He says that there have been bought and sold in Dallas the present season 75,000 bales of cotton, at an average of about \$55 per bale.

The average yield of wheat for Dallas county last year was 20½ bushels per acre, oats 75 bushels, and some made as high as 115 bushels to the acre. There is one-half as much again of wheat now as last year, and it is looking splendid. As to the city, Mr. S. says that such is the rush of business that the streets are blockaded with teams from morning until night, and policemen have to be stationed at all the principal crossings to superintend the movements of vehicles. He represents the city as growing rapidly, and thinks it is destined to be a very large town.

## PRESIDENT GRANT AND THE THIRD TERM.

General J. M. Comly in the Ohio State Journal.

As to President Grant, I wish to say as unconditionally as he demanded the surrender of Fort Donelson, that Grant is not now, and never will be, a candidate for the third term. I wish I might, without breach of confidence, do President Grant the justice to quote his dignified and noble language on the subject.

No—the President does not want a third term, though there are plenty of patriotic men who are unable to find in any other refuge any assurance of safety from the mortal dangers to the country of defeat to the Republican party. The southern Republicans despair of help in any other way than by Grant's renomination, and their gloomy apprehensions are shared by many from other quarters. I am free to confess that I do not share these apprehensions. With the valuable assistance we have received from the confederate House this winter, I believe we can elect anybody, down to Private Daboll.

## BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

By order of the Board of Directors of the "Decatur Building and Benefit Association," the first series of shares will be issued on Tuesday, March 7th, next. Subscriptions to the capital stock received at the office of Warren and Durfee.

H. E. FOSTER, Pres't.

B. K. DUNFEE, Sec.

17-centd

Very Cheap.—Camel's hair dress goods in the latest fall styles at half their value. 20 yards Comfort Calico, for one dollar, 16 yards Standard Dress Calico, for one dollar; 16 yards Crash, all Linen, for one dollar. Blankets, worth five dollars, for four dollars, with a corresponding reduction in Nubias, Shawls, Cloaks, Furs, &c., at Linn & Scruggs. Feb. 2-d&wtf.

Last Week of the 40 Cent Store.—Prettier and cheaper goods than ever. Be sure to go and see them. 31 dft

A Splendid Stock of Blankets and Flannels, at Linn & Scruggs. Oct 7-d&wtf

Repairs attended to promptly. Jan. 8 dft

Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the best Spectacles in the city, and sells them at a reasonable price. [sept 1-dft]

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—In the United States circuit court, to-day, Col. Hatch, counsel for McKee, filed an affidavit in support of his motion for a new trial. Some editorialists from the Republican, which it is claimed have served to prejudice the case against defendant, were also filed.

The court ordered that defendant have leave till the 5th of March to file additional affidavits, and the prosecution ten days thereafter to answer to the same, and the defendant until the 20th of file testimony in rebuttal.

The question of sentencing the parties who had been convicted in this court was broached, and Judge Dillon said the proper way seemed to be to let the cases stand as they were until the motions for new trial were disposed of, which District Attorney Dyer acquiesced in, as that course would best preserve the interests of the government.

MEMPHIS, Feb. 25.—The Appeal's Jackson special, last night, says the House spent the entire day in considering the report of the Ames investigating committee. At the time the special was sent, last night, a vote had not been reached. The report recommends that Gov. Ames be impeached, for official misconduct, on eleven distinct and separate charges.

The Appeal's Jackson special says that in the House, to-day, the resolution impeaching Gov. Ames of high crimes and misdemeanors in office, was adopted—yeas 85, nays 14. Six Republicans were absent. All present, and two of the Democrats, Crossland and Warren, voted no.

The counsel for Lieutenant-Governor Davis filed a plea denying wholly and severally the articles of impeachment.

## TELEGRAPHIC.

## BEECHER-BOWEN.

## WHAT THEY PROPOSE TO DO WITH HENRY C.

## The McKee New Trial

## Impeachment of Gov. Ames.

## Proposed Impeachment of Governor Kellogg.

NEW YORK, February 25.—At Plymouth church business meeting, to-night, Tiney read the report of the examining committee, reciting how Bowen, being asked for facts in the Beecher case, gave only a "vindication of his own conduct, with a confession made to him ten years ago by a woman, unnamed, refused to answer questions and precipitately withdrew. The convention recommended that Bowen be summoned before the examining committee once more.

S. V. White added an amendment that if he failed to appear, Bowen be cast out as a slanderer. That he be notified that unless he appear he be cast out at the next business meeting. White said they should stand trifling no longer. There was no other example of a church being so hampered by a brother but one—the other brother had the decency to go and hang himself. [Great applause.] He thought Bowen ought to be excommunicated. [Applause.]

Beecher here interposed and deprecated these manifestations of approval and meriment. He said while there might be ludicrous features connected with the case of the brother, yet it was a solemn thing for a church to cast out any member and he (Bowen) was one of the founders of the church and is a member, and the more tantalizing his conduct, the more sad the spectacle. He hoped they would deal with the matter with solemnity. In his own thought, it was the nature of an execution and funeral.

After more discussion, during which Brother Raymond called Brother McKee to order for gesticulating at him and attributing motives to him, Beecher said, although most questions ought to be settled by a committee he was opposed to sending this matter back to them. It was a peculiar case, and he didn't wish Bowen to be able to say the committee were his (Beecher's) relatives and friends, but have the whole matter disposed of by the church, which could not, in any way, be called a pocket tribunal. [Applause.]

McKay then withdrew his resolution. Mr. Shearman said they wanted to deal with Bowen as a member. They had more affection for him than ever, and did not want to part with him just now. [Laughter.] He gave them as his chief fact a statement by a woman, and pledged his reputation for sagacity, that she was a dead woman. [Laughter.] He judged this was from Bowen's heart and history, and his dragging the grave and the brother for evidence, and relying on the dead to support his honor and word. They had succeeded in getting him to fix the period at between two and twenty-five years, but unfortunately for him, the study and prayer meetings to which he refers did not exist together. [Laughter.] They had got their dear Bro. Bowen on the facts. Bowen declared his willingness to go before any three of the several men he named. These are now appointed, and let him go before them and be a member the whole proceedings would be privileged. [Applause.]

The resolution of the examining committee was unanimously adopted. Adjourned.

NEW ORLEANS, February 25.—Governor Kellogg has issued a proclamation, convening the Senate in extra session, to convene immediately on expiration of the present regular session, on Thursday, March 2d, and continue for and during the space of ten days, for the purpose of considering any executive or other business that may be brought before them, or for the purpose of serving as a court of impeachment if necessary. The impression among Republicans seems to be that it was the purpose of the House to prefer articles of impeachment against the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, on the last Friday of the session, which would suspend them from office and leave the Speaker of the House the acting Governor under the Constitution. It is believed the convening of the Senate in extra session will operate to quiet the impeachment scheme.

S. Einstein has made another reduction in his prices, and offers great bargains in dry goods. feb 3 dft

## ANOTHER AVALANCHE!

Boots and Shoe at the store of L. L. FERRISS, at

## YOUR PRICES.

The largest and best stock now on hand in the city. Every pair warranted. Must make room for spring goods. Come here first. L. L. FERRISS. Jan. 19-dft

Last Chance at the 49-Cent Store 21 dft

Choice Dairy Butter, at 24-dft SYLVESTER BROS.

Special Notice.—To the former customers of Mr. C. D. Nims, in the milk business, I hereby give notice that I am his successor, and am prepared to serve all his late customers in a satisfactory manner. W. A. MARFIT. 21-dft

Fresh Baltimore Oysters, at 24-dft SYLVESTER BROS.

Legal Blanks.—The REPUBLICAN office has now on hand a supply of estate mortgages, and an assortment of other legal blanks.

The Expense of conducting Linn & Scruggs' business requires a smaller percentage on amount of sales than any dry goods house in the United States. oct 7-d&wtf

Store-room for Rent on Prairie st., in Miller's block. Enquire at feb 1-dft OROSE & GRISWOLD'S.

To Mechanics and Workmen Generally. 500 pairs jeans pants, in all colors and grades, of the most substantial materials, and guaranteed to fit, at astonishingly low figures, just received at B. SMITH'S clothing house. [dec 10-dft]

Ashby, in opera block, will exchange cornices, window shades, and upholstering work of all kinds, for old furniture, stoves, etc. feb 8-dft

Everything at the 49 Cent Store. 31 dft

## New Advertisements.

## MONEY TO LOAN

To Loan on Long Time, in Sums of \$500 and Upwards, by

## S. OVERMIRE

## INSURANCE

## Loan Agent

Over the Decatur National Bank.

Special Agent of the

Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co.

Assets, \$18,000,000. Has money Policyholders in Decatur than all Companies here represented. Come in, talk, believe, take a Policy, and be happy. [feb 19-d&wtf]

## MACON HALL!

Thursday Eve., March 2d.

## CONCERT!

For the benefit of the

## Colored Literary Society.

At which time a part of the music of the Hampton students and Tennessee Singers will be rendered. Mr. Jacobs the organist, has in his possession the words made of both the above-named companies. Admission—10 cents. Children under 12—5 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats. Reserved seats for sale at the ticket office from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m., on the 19th. Feb 21-11

## NEW BARBER SHOP!

MESSRS. GREEN &amp; NELSON

HAVE opened a Barber Shop in Central Block, one door north of Sullivan's clothing store. We have a first-class Chicago Barber. Please give us a call. Decatur, Feb. 16, 1876-dft

## REDEMPTION NOTICE.

To J. M. C. Johnson or whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, in the county of Macon and state of Illinois, on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1874, for the taxes for the year 1873, I purchased the following described lot, to-wit: Lot 3, block 2, rolling mill addition to Decatur, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 10th day of June, A. D. 1876. M. P. MURPHY.

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## HAYS &amp; BARTHOLOMEW.

## Reception Hours:

From 6 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M., until further orders.

They want to see you all.

Decatur, Feb. 21, 1876-d&wtf

## GO TO HEADQUARTERS

## FOR

## DRY GOODS!

## S. EINHSTEIN

Has commenced his Clearance Sale of Winter Goods, with GREAT BARGAINS in

## Dress Goods!

FLANNELS, CASSIMERES, SILAWLS, BLANKETS, Etc., Etc.

Also a full line of ladies' and gents' FURNISHING GOODS.

I am determined to reduce my stock, and will, therefore, offer special inducements to all. Come and see for yourselves. What I say I mean.

No. 21 North Water St.

Decatur, Jan. 19, 1876-d&wtf

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